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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
 AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE  
 DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2006 for three (3) months from December 8, 2006 to March 8, 2006. An Amendment responding to the Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees by means of electronic filing this application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/HRT0228/BST in the name of Johnson & Johnson.

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